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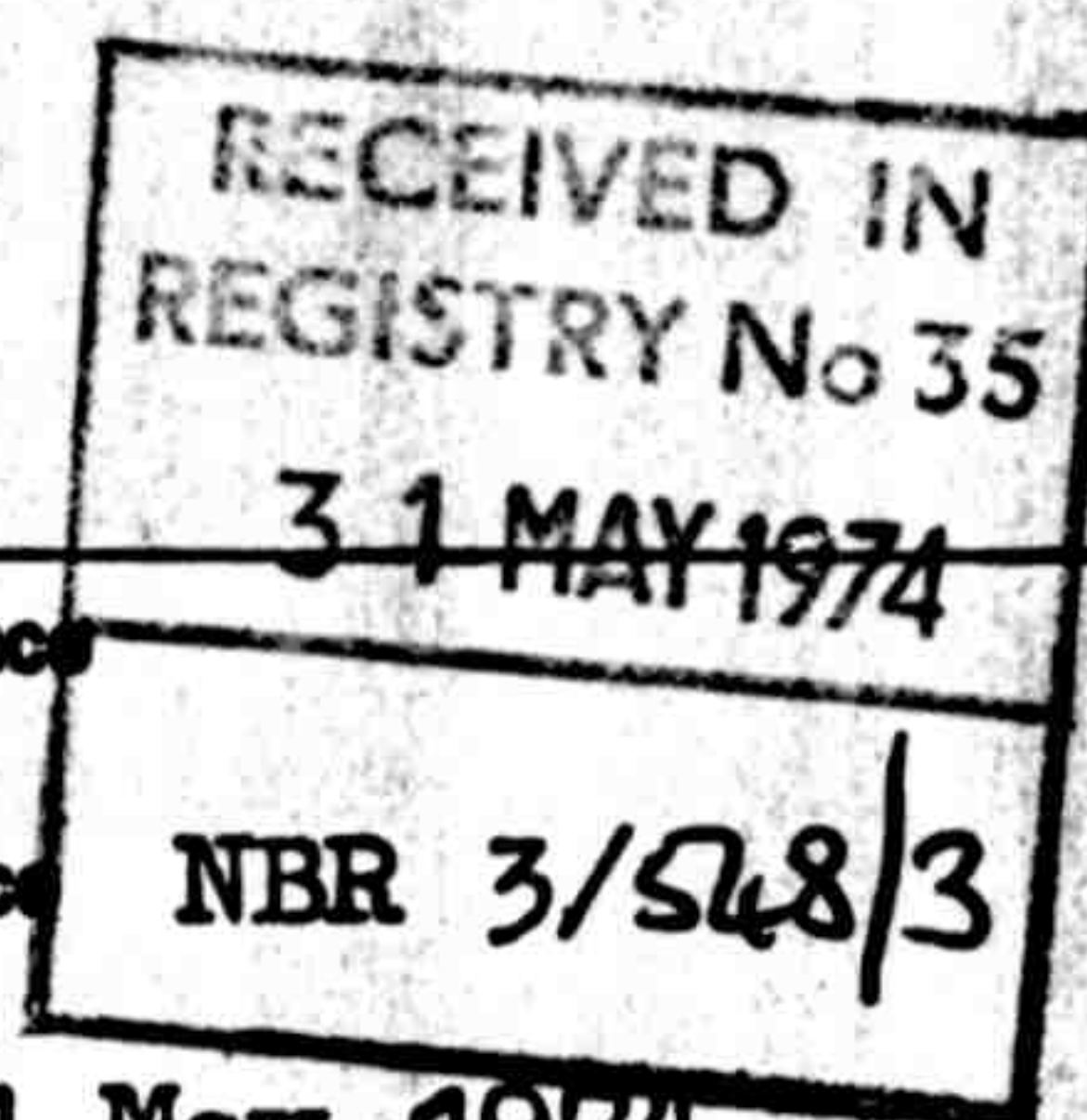
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Date 31 May 1974

COUNTRY ASSESSMENT SHEET

1 Now that we have resumed diplomatic relations with Iraq, we should produce a revised version of the country assessment sheet. I enclose a copy of the last assessment dated September 1972 together with the relevant extract of Diplomatic Service Procedure.

2 I also enclose a copy of the revised Section IV which (thanks to Patrick Bannerman in Research Department) we have produced here. I should welcome your comments on the revised Section IV and draft proposals for Sections I to III. The enclosed blank forms for Section II may be of help.

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Jean Graham

IRAQ ASSESSMENT SHEET 1974

1. I have re-written paragraph B at confidential level. My naval colleague expresses considerable surprise at the number of submarine chasers at 8(a) held for 1973!

2. B - Defence

7. Proportion of GNP: NA

8(a) Navy: 1974

2,000 men
3 x SO1 submarine chasers
4 x OSA class patrol boats (with
STYX SSM)
12 x P6 torpedo boats
10 x Small patrol boats

(b) Army: 1974

100,000 men (2 armed Divs
4 Inf/Mt Divs 2 Special Forces Bdes)
1250 Medium tanks
75 Light amphibious tanks (new wpns
arrival incl FROG SSM and
ZSU-23/4)

(c) Air Force; 1974

10,000 plus men
224 x Combat aircraft
60 plus helicopters
27 x transports.

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(d) Police (? para- 1974
military or not)

20,000 men, including Civil Police Force and a para-military force "national guard" (10,000) which is a private army run by the Ba'ath Party, (called out in times of national emergency). The Ba'ath Party also runs an efficient secret police (a branch of the Security Services).

Alliances or Treaties

1972 Soviet/Iraqi Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation signed on 9 April 1972.

3. I would be grateful for a copy of the finished document if I am allowed to.

Yours sincerely

Janet.

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1 August 1974

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Sir Graham,

to 30.9.74

COUNTRY ASSESSMENT SHEET (CAS)

1. You wrote to Ian McCluney on 31 May (NBR 3) about the CAS. I now enclose a revised version which will, I trust, meet with your approval.
2. Section II has been compiled on the basis of the UK-based staff we expect to be here at the time of the Ambassador's arrival. I have not therefore allowed for a Counsellor, First Secretary (Economic) or their PAs, for which posts no appointments have been made. The Defence Attache and his Clerk have been included and are ranked as Grades 5 and 10 respectively. Provision is also made for a locally engaged secretary for the DA, Grade LE3.
3. To a large extent allocations under the various functions have to be guess-work, but the figures are as accurate as I can judge at this stage. If we ignore the administrative tail, ie take functions A - H inclusive as 100, the diplomatic effort becomes:- Representational 24%, Political 20%, Commercial 33%, Consular 5%, Visa 18%. This would seem to be about right.
4. In Section IV we have included recent figures where these are available locally.
5. I look forward to seeing your comments.

Yours etc

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COUNTRY ASSESSMENT SHEET: IRAQ

SECTION I

SUMMARY OF BRITISH INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES

A. Long term interests:-

- (i) Oil:- of which Iraq has very extensive reserves, albeit that she supplied only about 2% of the UK's crude oil imports in 1973. A proportion of the production remains in the hands of the British registered companies.
- (ii) Trade:- British exports to Iraq were worth £23.5 million in 1973, an 8.7% share of the market. (Our major competitors are the USSR (8.8% in 1973) and France (8.3%)).
- (iii) Political:- Iraq, strongly influenced by the Eastern Bloc, poses a threat to the stability of the Gulf area in which the UK has important political and economic interests.

B. General Western interests:-

- (i) to counter, and as far as possible cause to diminish, Communist bloc influence in order that Western access to Iraqi oil shall not be impeded, and
- (ii) to dissuade Iraq from mischief-making in neighbouring states.

Western political objectives thus do not differ significantly from those of the UK.

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C. Major objectives of the Mission:-

- (i) to increase the UK's share of the market;
- (ii) to develop relations with the country's leaders in an attempt to persuade them that Iraq's real interests are best served by genuine non-alignment;
- (iii) to develop further, through the British Council, Iraq's considerable educational and cultural links with the UK.

D. The major threats and opportunities affecting British interests:-

I. Threats:-

- (i) the further penetration of Iraq by the Soviet Union and other Communist bloc countries;
- (ii) Iraqi moves against British interests in the Gulf area;
- (iii) the exclusion of British firms from the opportunity to tender for development contracts on equal terms with their competitors - brought about, e.g., by Iraqi rancour at the refusal of visas for prominent members of the Ba'ath Party; and
- (iv) the nationalisation of the remaining British shareholding in the Basra Petroleum Company (BPC).

II. Opportunities:-

Iraq's new found wealth and her expressed wish to see British participation in the development of the country, give British exporters the opportunity to increase their share of the market.

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SECTION II

DIRECTION OF DIPLOMATIC EFFORT

MAIN FUNCTION	Staff engaged							
	UK BASED							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total numbers of Staff in Grade			1		2	2	2	
A Representational activities to improve environment for other functions (Note 5)			35		65	45	25	
B Work directed broadly to improving the security and political environment of Britain (Note 6)								
(1) Political Reporting and Analysis			15		15		60	
(2) Political Negotiation			5		5		5	
(3) Defence Work (General) (Note 7)			10		35		5	
(4) Scientific and Technological Work (Note 8)								
(5) Information work related to (1) - (3) above (Note 15)							5	
C Commercial and Economic work (Note 9)								
(1) Economic or Commercial Reporting and Analysis			10		5	30	5	
(2) Economic or Commercial Negotiation			10		5	10		
(3) Export Promotion Services					40	35		
(4) Defence Sales (Note 7)			10		10			
(5) Information work related to (1) - (4) above (Note 15)								
D Cultural (Excluding British Council (Note 10)								5
E (1) Consular (Note 11)						15		
(2) Information work related to Consular work (Note 15)								
F (1) Immigration and Entry Certificate								
(2) Visa Work			5		5	65		
(3) Information work related to immigration (Note 15)								
G (1) Aid (Note 12)								
(2) Information work related to Aid (Note 15)								
H (Note 13)								
(1) Work in support of UK domestic policy								
(2) Information work related to (1) (Note 15)								
I (Note 14) Supporting functions								
(1) Registry								
(2) Cyphers								
(3) Bag Service								
(4) Secretarial								
(5) Administration					15		90	
(6) Other *								

* Please give details of those functions and/or those UK based staff classified as 'Other'

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5 LE 5(c)

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Other
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SECTION III

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE

1. Under the terms of the interim constitution, supreme power is vested in the Revolutionary Command Council (RCC), whose membership has been reduced from 15 to 8 by successive purges and all but one of whom are also members of the Regional (ie Iraqi) Command of the ruling Ba'ath Party. The RCC is chaired by the President and Minister of Defence, Ahmed Hassan al Bakr, who is at the same time Secretary-General of the Ba'ath Party. Power is, however, concentrated in the hands of Saddam Hussein al Tikriti, Vice Chairman of the RCC and Deputy Secretary-General (and effective head) of the Ba'ath Party.

Opposition to the Ba'ath is not tolerated - a Communist Party exists but has little influence. In 1971 an earlier attempt to create a National Front, whose purpose was to give a semblance of unity and consultation, was revived. The Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) refused to join however and the project was thus again still-born.

2. The RCC alone is responsible for all policy decisions - Ministers, unless they are also members of the RCC or the Regional Party Leadership, do not meet collectively. The armed forces, without whose support no Iraqi regime can survive, are commanded by the President, but deeply penetrated by the Party, as are the Civil and Security Services.

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3. The RCC's authority does not, however, extend to the Kurdish areas in the extreme north of the country, where allegiance is mainly owed to Mulla Mustafa Barzani. In March 1974 Barzani rejected a draft constitution aimed at granting the Kurds limited self-rule in their own areas. A state of "military confrontation" continues to exist between the Kurds and the Central Government.
4. The Government have the machinery to control all major aspects of the economy with the result that the private sector is limited to an intermediary role between the State and ^{foreign} ~~foreign~~ enterprises and has diminishing influence. (The Ba'ath Party seeks total State ownership.) A Planning Board exercises overall responsibility, under the supervision of the RCC, for economic planning.
5. The Government are aware that the country is over-dependent upon oil revenues; a large proportion of the expenditure on development is therefore aimed at boosting the agricultural sector and at greater industrialisation. Increased oil revenues and the planned expansion of oil production have given new impetus to the development programme.

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<u>Serial</u>		<u>Year</u>	
	<u>A - BASIC</u>		
1.	Area	1974	170,000 sq. miles approx
2.	Capital	1974	Baghdad
3.	Population (a) total (b) average annual rate of increase 1969-74	1974	10.75 million (estimated) 3.2%
4.	Religion(s)	1974	Shia and Sunni Musli, Christian (Nestorian, Catholic, Orthodox) and some 400 Jews
5.	Official Language(s)	1974	Arabic, Kurdish
6.	Form of Government	1974	Republican
	<u>B - DEFENCE</u>		
7.	Proportion of GNP	1971	11.5% (Defence and Public Administration)
8.	Services and Police (a) Navy	1974	3,500 + men 4 old river gun boats, 4 Komar FPBs, 12 P-6 Torpedo boats, 4 OSA class patrol boats, 3 SO1 Submarine Chasers, 2 Minesweepers, 2 torpedo recovery vessels, 10 patrol boats (inshore)

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<u>Serial</u>		<u>Year</u>	
8.	Services and Police (b) Army	1974	130,000 men (40,000 + post National Service Reservists) 3 Armoured Divisions (each of 2 Armoured 1 Mech Brigade) 3 Mountain Infantry Division (4th being formed) 2 Infantry Divisions (each of 2 Infantry and 1 Mech Brigade) 1 Division Special Forces (combined commando and paras) 1 Republican Guard Brigade (including 1 TK Bn of T62) (6 Reservist Brigades formed for Kurdish War) as at July 1974 900 T54/T55 Tanks 400 T62s 90 T.34 Tks 45 PT 76 30 M24 lt. Tks 1500 + APCs 60 Ferret Scout Cars 70 x 75 mm, 85 mm, 100 mm, 120 mm, 130mm and 152 mm guns and 23 mm, 37 mm, 57 mm, 85 mm, 100 mm AA guns 72 x SA3 (4 Bns) 2 Bns of SA6 1 Regt FROG

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<u>Serial</u>		<u>Year</u>	
8.	Services and Police (c) Air Force	1974	<p>10,500</p> <p>24 Sqns aircraft made up of:</p> <p>3 Sqns SU7 36</p> <p>2 Sqns SU20 24</p> <p>1 Sqn Hunter 30</p> <p>1 Sqn MIG 17 30</p> <p>5 Sqns MIG 21 70</p> <p>1 Sqn TU22 15</p> <p>1 Sqn (6 x 1L 28 6 x TU 16) 12</p> <p>1 Sqn Allouette III Helicopters</p> <p>6 Sqns of Wessex M14, M18 Helicopters</p> <p>3 Tpt Sqns of AN2, AN12, AN24, IL14 and Heron, Brittain Norman Islanders</p> <p>Dove TU124 and 29 Trainers</p> <p>220 + Combat Aircraft</p> <p>85 + Helicopters</p> <p>36 + Transport Aircraft</p>
	(d) Police	1974	<p>20,000 men including Civil Police Force and the para-military National Guard (10,000). National Guard is a private army run by the Ba'ath Party (called out at times of national or party emergency). The Ba'ath also runs an efficient secret police (a branch of the Security Services)</p>
	(e) Pesh Merga	1974	<p>10,000 - 15,000. Originally recruited as frontier guards following Kurdish/Central Government cease-fire in March 1970, now fighting Government troops <i>troops</i>.</p>
9.	Alliances or Treaties	1972	<p>Soviet/Iraqi Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation signed on 9/4/72</p>

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<u>Serial</u>		<u>Year</u>	
	<u>C - ECONOMIC</u>		
10.	Currency exchange rates	1974 (July)	1 Iraqi Dinar = 3.38 dollars 1 Iraqi Dinar = £1.41
11.	G.D.P. at factor cost (IMF figure)		
	(a) total	1971	ID 1,402.8 million (US \$ 4774.5 million).
	(b) av. annual rate of growth (at constant prices)	1969/ 1971	11.5%
	(c) per capita	1971	ID 149 (US \$ 503-6.)
12.	Overall Trade:		
	(a) exports, f.o.b.	1973 1972	(i) Exports (excluding oil) ID 32.5 million (ii) Net receipts from the oil sector - ID 420 million
	(b) main export commodities (as a percentage of (a)(i))		Cereals 11% Fruit and Vegetables 33% Hides and Skins 11% Non-metallic mineral manufactures 11%
	(c) principal markets (as a percentage of (a)(i))	1973	Lebanon 14% China 5% Kuwait 12% USSR 7% Syria 11%
	(d) imports, c.i.f.	1973	ID 270.3 million
	(e) principal suppliers	1973	UK 8% Japan 6% USSR 8% France 8%

<u>Serial</u>		<u>Year</u>	
13.	Balance of payments		
	(a) goods and services	1972	+ ID 75 million
	(b) trade balance, c.i.f.	1972	(i) oil + ID 412.2 million (ii) other - ID 203.6 million
14.	Official reserves	1973	(December) ID 462.1 million
15.	Aid		
	(a) donor or recipient	1973/ 1974	Recipient/Donor Iraq has announced aid to Yemen and Somalia and has recently established the Iraq Fund for External Development to extend loans to Arab and developing countries
	(b) amount (to or from where and in what proportions)	1973	Outstanding loans: IBRD - ID 5.6 million France - ID 4.6 million Japan - ID 1.3 million USSR - ID 36.9 million GDR - ID 15.4 million Total - multi and bilateral (net) = ID 152 million

D - BRITISH INVOLVEMENT

Politico/Defence

16.	Treaty or quasi-treaty	1974	None
17.	Defence facilities available to UK	1974	None

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<u>Serial</u>		<u>Year</u>													
18.	Military assistance from UK	1973	Approx. 10 officers each from the IAF and the Army attended or were attending courses in the UK												
		1974	Approx. 10 officers from each service are again in UK on courses. 4 groups of senior officers have visited Training Establishments. Bids for courses for 1974/75 as at 1 July 1974 were:												
			<table><tr><td></td><td>Courses</td><td>Places</td></tr><tr><td>IAF</td><td>16</td><td>46</td></tr><tr><td>Army</td><td>53</td><td>115</td></tr><tr><td>Navy</td><td colspan="2">Awaiting Bids</td></tr></table>		Courses	Places	IAF	16	46	Army	53	115	Navy	Awaiting Bids	
	Courses	Places													
IAF	16	46													
Army	53	115													
Navy	Awaiting Bids														
19.	Diplomatic representation (excluding staff of DWS and other Departments)	1974	14 UK based staff												
20.	British Council expenses in Iraq	1973/ 1974	£45,974 £118,000												
21.	Resident Community	1974	900 (including 92 Commonwealth (not Indians) and 576 wives and children of Iraqis)												
<u>Economic</u>															
22.	UK trade:-														
	(a) exports + re-export (f.o.b.)	1973	£27.4million												
	(b) imports (c.i.f.)	1973	£30.7 million												

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<u>Serial</u>		<u>Year</u>	
22.	Aid		
	(a) capital		Nil
	(b) technical assistance	1974/ 1975	£45,000

E - ANY SPECIAL ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

1. Iraq, like most other Arab countries, enforces the regulations of the Arab Boycott Office where these suit her interests. Whilst trade is banned with Israel and the private sector may not deal with black-listed firms, a contract for 400 BLMC buses was signed in July 1974 and Land Rovers are purchased for the armed forces.

2. Oil income is expected to reach ID 1,600 million in 1974 and ID 2,600 million in 1975.


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IRAQSection IV: Essential FactsA - BASIC

1. Area: (1972) 170,000 square miles approx.
2. Capital: (1972) Baghdad
3. Population: (a) total
(b) average annual rate of increase 1966/72
(a) (1972) 10.07 million
(b) 3.2%
4. Religion(s): (1972) Shia and Sunni Muslim, Christian (Nestorian, Catholic, Orthodox) (about 600 Jews)
5. Official language(s): Arabic, Kurdish
6. Form of Government: Republic

B - DEFENCE

7. Proportion of GNP: NA
8. (a) Navy: 1973 2,000 men
3,501 submarine chasers
2 minesweepers
3 OSA-class patrol boats (with Styx SSM)
12 P-6 torpedo boats
10 small patrol boats
- (b) Army: 1973 90,000 men (1 armoured division
2 infantry divisions (each of 4 brigades)
2 special forces brigades)
990 medium tanks
75 light tanks
- (c) Air Force: 1973 9,800 men
224 combat aircraft
35 helicopters
27 transports
- (d) Police (? para-military or not) 1971 20,000 men, including Civil Police Force and a para-military force "national guard" (10,000) which is a private army run by the Ba'ath Party, (called out in times of national emergency). The Ba'ath Party also runs an efficient secret police (a branch of the Security Services).
9. Alliances or Treaties: 1972 Soviet/Iraqi Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation signed on 9 April 1972.

C - ECONOMIC

10. Currency exchange rates: (1973) 1 Iraqi Dinar = \$3.3778 (March 1973)

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11. GDP at factor cost (IMF figure): (a) total
(b) average annual rate of growth (at constant prices)
(c) per capita
(a) (1971) US \$3,924 million (IBRD statistics) (at constant 1966 prices)
(b) (1967/71) 14.8% approx (at 1966 prices).
(c) (1971) US \$392 (est).
12. Overall trade:
- (a) exports, fob: (1972) (i) exports (excluding oil) US \$76.9 million
(ii) net receipts from the oil sector US \$720.6 million
- (b) main export commodities (as a percentage of (a)(i)):
- | | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Dates | 20.7% |
| Cement | 12.1% |
| Raw wool | 6.9% |
| Hides, skins & animals | 12.1% |
- (c) principal markets (as a percentage of (a)(i)):
- | | |
|---------|-------|
| Kuwait | 18% |
| Egypt | 13.8% |
| Lebanon | 13.5% |
| Syria | 10.6% |
- (d) imports, cif: (1972) US \$779.9 million
- (e) principal suppliers: (1972)
- | | |
|----------------|------|
| UK | 9.7% |
| Japan | 4.5% |
| USSR | 7.2% |
| Czechoslovakia | 6.9% |
| France | 6.3% |
13. Balance of payments:
- (a) goods and services (1972) US \$122 million
- (b) trade balance, cif: (1972) US \$701 million (excluding oil).
14. Official reserves: (1973) March US \$940.5 million
15. Aid:
- (a) donor or recipient: recipient (1972/3)
- (b) amount (to or from where and in what proportions):
- | | | |
|--------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1972/3 | IBRD | \$2.7 million |
| | Abu Dhabi | \$9.96 million |
| | Libya | \$23.12 million |
| | Spain | \$18.3 million |
| | Kuwait | \$11.64 million |

The total amount of Soviet and Communist bloc aid cannot be assessed. They are, however, known to be the major suppliers of aid and technical assistance to Iraq.

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16. *Treaty or quasi-treaty*: (1973) none.
17. Defence facilities available to UK: (1973) none
18. Military assistance from UK: (1973) nil
19. Diplomatic representation (excluding DWS staff and other Departments' staff): 1973 10 UK-based staff
20. British Council expenses involving Iraq: (1973/4) £ 118,000.
21. Resident Community: (1972) 950 (including 94 Commonwealth (not 11 million Indians, 499 wives, children of Iraqi at 1 April 1972).

Economic

22. UK Trade:
 - (a) exports and re-exports (fob): (1973) £27.1 million
 - (b) imports (cif): (1973) £30.7 million.
23. Aid:
 - (a) capital: (1970) nil
 - (b) technical assistance: (1972/3) £27,953.

E - ANY SPECIAL ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

Iraq, like most other Arab countries, enforces the regulations of the Arab Boycott Office. Thus, trade is banned with Israel, and Iraq also has widened the embargo to include (as she sees it) the main supporters of Israel, the USA.

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Country Assessment Sheet

Iraq

Section IV Essential Facts

Serial

Year

A - BASIC

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|----|---|------|--|
| 1. | Area | 1972 | 170,000 sq. miles approx. |
| 2. | Capital | 1972 | Baghdad |
| 3. | Population (a) total
(b) average annual rate of increase 1966 - 72 | 1972 | ^{10.07}
9.75 million (1972 Estimate.
approximate figure)
3.2% |
| 4. | Religion(s) | 1972 | Shia and Sunni Muslim, Christian
(Nestorian, Catholic, Orthodox) (about
600 Jews) |
| 5. | Official language(s) | 1972 | Arabic, Kurdish |
| 6. | Form of government | 1972 | Republic |

B - DEFENCE

- | | | | |
|----|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| 7. | Proportion of GNP | 1970 | 9.4% NA |
| 8. | (a) Navy | 1973 | 2,000 men.
4 old river gun boats 3 SDI Submarine chasers
10 8 inshore patrol craft 2 Minesweepers
12 2 Komar FPBs 054 FPBs 3 Osu-class patrol boats
2 Mine Sweepers (w/la styx 88m)
2 Torpedo Recovery vessels
12 P-6 torpedo boats
10 small patrol boats |

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(b) Army

(c) Air Force

(d) Police (? para-military or not)

~~(e) Northern "Frontier Guards"~~

9 Alliances or Treaties

C - ECONOMIC

10 Currency exchange rates

11 G.D.P. at factor cost (I.M.F. figure)

(a) total

(b) av. annual rate of growth (at constant prices)

Year

1973

90,000

85,000 men (~~40,000 Post National Service Reservists~~)

2 armoured divisions

2 infantry divisions (each of 4 brigades)

990-860 medium tanks ~~2 special forces battalions~~

45 light tanks

~~115 armoured cars~~

~~60 ferret scout cars~~

1300 APC

1973

~~8,250~~ men 9800 men

220 combat aircraft

35-56 helicopters

27-24 transports

1971

20,000 men including Civil Police Force and a para military force "national guard" (10,000) which is a private army run by the Ba'ath party, (called out at times of national emergency). The Ba'ath party also runs an efficient secret police. (a branch of the Security Services).

1972

~~Under the terms of the March 1970 Agreement ending the fighting between the Kurds and the Central Government, 6,000 of the Kurdish "Pish Merga" irregulars were engaged as frontier guards. Their loyalty remains firmly Kurdish.~~

1972

Soviet/Iraqi Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation signed on 9/4/72.

1973

43.377%

1 Iraqi Dinar = 3.04 dollars (March 1973)

1969

US \$ ~~2,909~~ 3924 million (IBRD statistics) (at constant 1966 prices)

1967-74

14.8% approx. (at 1966 prices)

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Year

1971

US \$ 392 (est.)

1972

(i) Exports (excluding oil) US \$ 72.5 million

(ii) Net receipts from the oil sector US \$ 548.2 million

Hides, skins & animals

1972 1969

Dates	1972	1969
Cement	34.0%	20.7%
Barley	9.5%	12.1
Raw cotton wool	8.6%	6.9%
Livestock Products	4.5%	12.1

Country	1972	1969
Lebanon	17.7%	18.0%
Communist China	8.6%	13.8%
Kuwait	10.5%	13.5%
U.A.R.	11.8%	10.6%
India	6.0%	

US \$ 440 million

Country	1972	1969
UK	42.0%	9.7%
EEC	21.6%	(of which Italy 7.8%)
Japan	8.0%	4.5%
USSR	9.9%	7.2%
China	4.5%	
Czechoslovakia	6.9	
Romania	6.3%	

US \$ 422 million

Category	1969
(i) oil sector	US \$ 969 million
(ii) other	US \$ 366 million

1972 — US \$ 701 m (excluding oil)

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(c) per capita

Overall trade

(a) exports, f.o.b.

(b) main export commodities
(as a percentage of (a) (i))(c) principal markets
(as a percentage of (a) (i))

(d) imports, c.i.f.

(e) principal suppliers

Balance of payments

(a) goods and services

(b) trade balance, c.i.f.

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1/6 Official reserves

1/5 Aid

(a) donor or recipient

(b) amount (to or from where and in what proportions)

Year

1973

March US \$ 654.4 million

940.5

1972-3

1969

Recipient

1972-3
1969

IBRD US \$ 4.82 million

UN agencies US \$ 2.77 million

France US \$ 6.8 million

Japan US \$ 3.45 million

Total - multi and bilateral (net) - 15.95 million

2.7

13m 2.7m

Abu Dhabi \$9.96m

Libya \$23.12m

Spain \$18.3m

UAE \$11.64m

The total amount of Soviet and Communist bloc aid cannot be assessed. They are however known to be the major suppliers of aid and technical assistance to Iraq.

D - BRITISH INVOLVEMENT

Politico/Defence

1/6 Treaty or quasi-treaty

1973

None

1/7 Defence facilities available to UK

1973

None

1/8 Military assistance from UK

1973

Nil

1/9 Diplomatic representation (excluding DWS staff and other Departments' staff)

1973

10 UK based staff

1/10 British Council expenses in Iraq

1973-74

£45,974 118,000

1/11 Resident Community

1972

950 (including 94 Commonwealth (not Indians) 499 Wives, children of Iraqis at 1.4.72

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1973-4 £67,000
1973-4 £136,000

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+ 49 expenses

118,000

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Economic

22 UK trade

(a) exports + re-exports (f.o.b.)

1973

27.1 million ~~(0.3% British exports)~~

(b) imports (c.i.f.)

1973

£30.7 million ~~(0.4% total UK imports)~~

23 Aid

(a) capital

1970

Nil

(b) technical assistance

1971-72

£32,596

1972-73

£27,953

E - ANY SPECIAL ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

Iraq, like most other Arab countries, enforces the regulations of the Arab Boycott Office. Thus, trade is banned with Israel, and Iraq also has widened the embargo to include (as she sees it) the main supporters of Israel, the USA, ~~and the Federal Republic of Germany.~~ Iraqi oil revenues rose substantially in 1971 as a result of the Tehran and associated agreements. ~~They have fallen during 1972 from the 1971 level as a result of the incompetitive price of oil from the Kirkuk fields whose production during the first half of the year was reduced by almost 50% compared with 1971, and by the subsequent nationalisation of IPC.~~



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COUNTRY ASSESSMENT SHEET

Would you please refer to my earlier letter of 31 May. I wonder if you are now in a position to let me have your draft proposals for Sections I, II and III and your comments on the revised Section IV.

G S Burton
Middle East Department

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Miss C S Rycroft (Planning Staff)

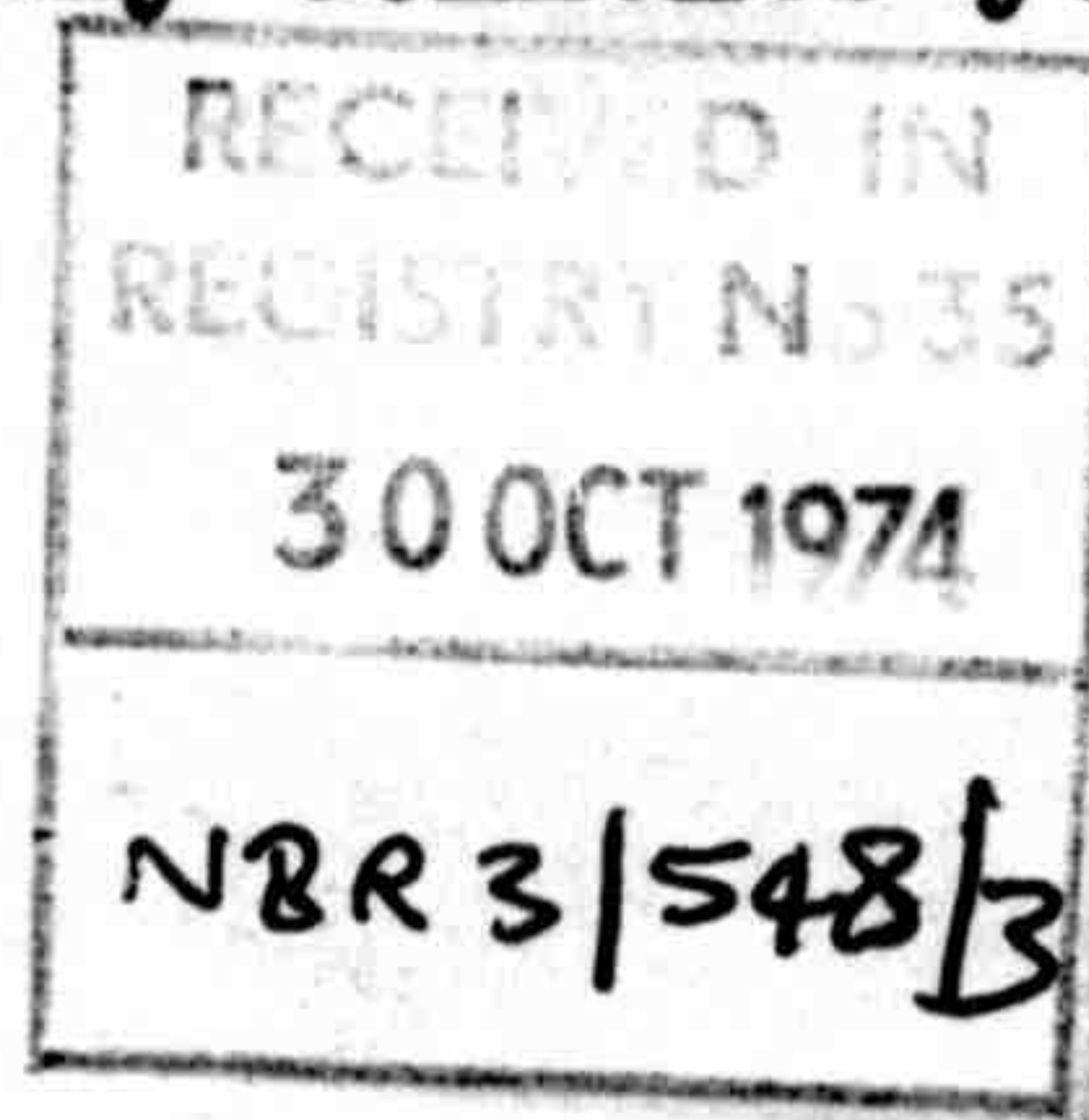
Mr Hunt - Can you have a look at this please?

Minute attached. P. Hunt 16/10.

IRAQ: COUNTRY ASSESSMENT SHEET

1. As you will know, Iraq is one of the posts in the Middle East scheduled for inspection in the spring of 1975. The PUS's Planning Committee have asked for a final draft of a Country Assessment Sheet on Iraq by the end of October.

2. I attach a copy of a first draft CAS which is based on a Submission from the post in Baghdad. I should be grateful for any comments you may have.



[Signature]
G S Burton
Middle East Dept

9 October 1974

I attach a redraft by Mr Hunt. This contains virtually the same facts as your draft but has been somewhat re-formulated so as to standardise it with some other Country Assessment Sheets. However, if you have any doubts about it we shall be pleased to discuss further with you.

[Signature]

21 October 1974

C Rycroft
Planning Staff

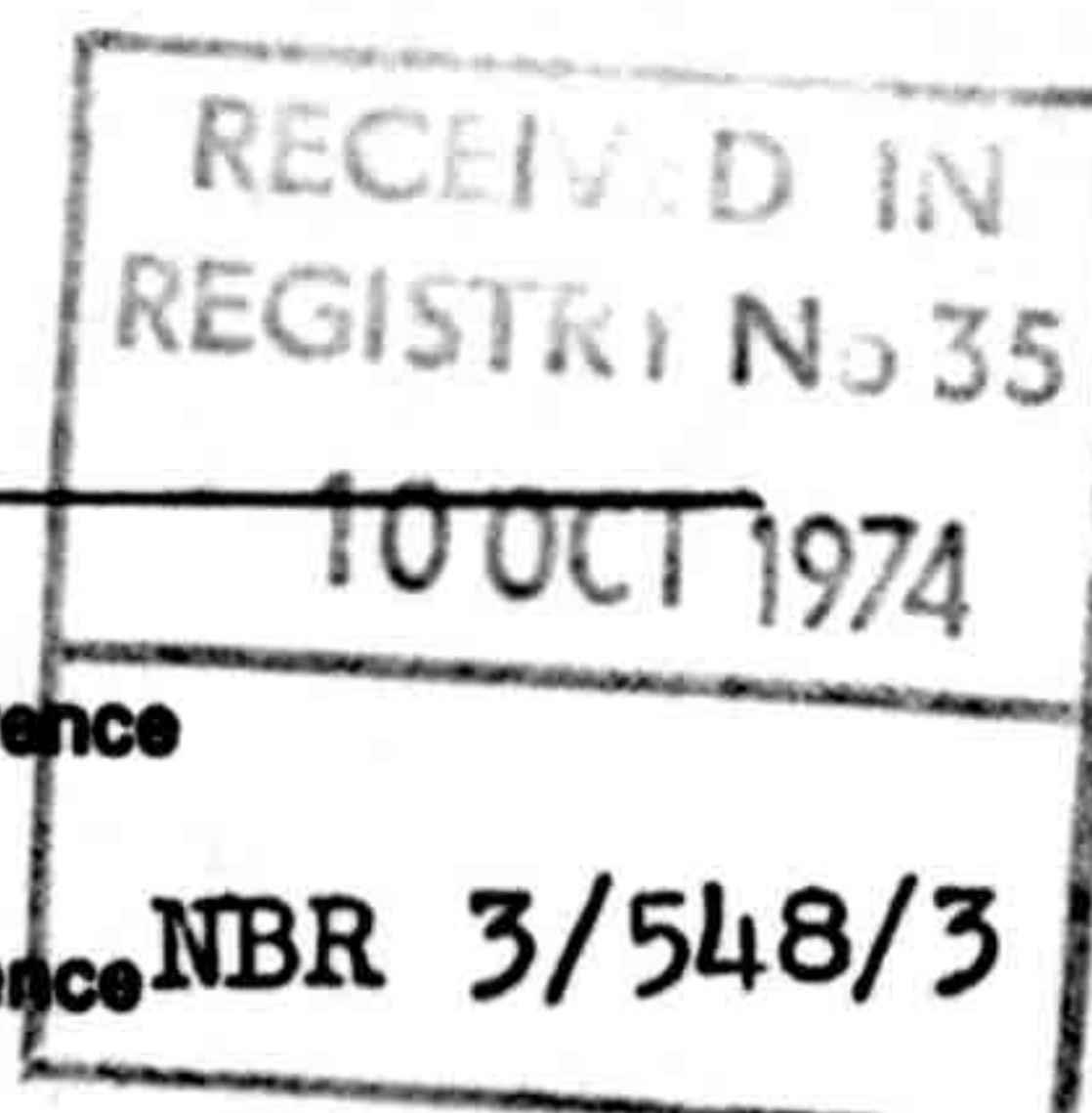
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B J Cook Esq
ODM
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Stag Place
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Your reference

Our reference NBR 3/548/3

Date

10 October 1974

Dear John,

IRAQ: COUNTRY ASSESSMENT SHEET

1. As promised, I now enclose a copy of a draft Country Assessment Sheet for Iraq and should be grateful for your comments, if any, by 18 October.

*yours sincerely
Graham*

G S Burton
Middle East Department

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*Mr Cook has telephoned
a 'no comment'*

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10 October 1974

Dear Dick,

COUNTRY ASSESSMENT SHEET

1. Since Baghdad is to be inspected in the spring next year, we have now been asked to submit to the PUS's Planning Committee a final draft of a Country Assessment Sheet by the end of October. I have now submitted a first draft to the Planning Staff based on the enclosures to your letter of 1 August. You will see that I have made a few very minor amendments.
2. We have also been asked to supply Personnel Services Department with an up-dated Section II (showing functional breakdown of effort) of the CAS by 15 November. It may be that the Section II which you sent to me in August is now somewhat out of date and I should be grateful if you would amend it where necessary.
3. If you have any further comments on my amendments to your draft CAS, I should be grateful if they could be sent no later than by the bag leaving Baghdad on 26 October.

*Yours ever
Graham*

G S Burton
Middle East Department

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BRITISH EMBASSY

BAGHDAD

22 October 1974

G S Burton Esq
Middle East Department
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Dear Graham,



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COUNTRY ASSESSMENT SHEET

1. Thank you for your letter NBR 3/548/3 of 10 October.
2. I have consulted the Ambassador, who suggests the following amendments:
- ✓ (a) To the first sentence of A (ii), add "and rose in the first half of 1974 to £27.0 million."
 - ✓ (b) To the end of paragraph A (iii) of Section I, add:
"Her encouragement of extremist Palestinians and her opposition to a negotiated Middle East settlement, threaten HMG's interests in the Middle East as a whole."
 - ✓ (c) To the last sentence of B (ii) add:
"though the rest of West Europe, notable France and Italy, is a much bigger purchaser of Iraqi oil than we are".
 - ? (d) The thoughts in D need tidying up, perhaps by inserting "or the boycott of British goods" after "with their competitors" in D (iii) and the deletion of (v).
 - ✓ (e) It might be worth expanding Section II Opportunities by the addition of the following sentence :
"Politically withdrawal from the Gulf means that our prominence as a target of Iraqi criticism has been much reduced."
 - ✓ 3. I enclose an up-dated version of Section II. This includes provision for the First Secretary (Commercial), Consul and Vice-Consul, all of whom should be en poste at the time of the Inspection, and of one or two minor changes in the locally-engaged complement.

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5. You will wish to note the following changes in Section IV:

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Serial 8 (b) Army

First line: Amend to read: "130,000 + men"

Line 5: delete: "(4th being formed)"

Line 11: Amend to read: "2 Republican Guard Brigades (1 Bde entirely armed with T62, 1 Bde of 1 TK and 2 Mech Btns)."

Line 13: Amend to read: "(9 Reservist Brigades formed for Kurdish War) as at October 1974".

Line 15: Amend to read: "500 T62s"

Serial 8 (c) Air Force

Add at end: "1 Sqn MIG 23 (Flogger) 17 aircraft at 12 October 1974"

Serial 8 (e) Pesh Merga

Line 1: Amend to read: "20,000 - 30,000"

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Bill Holden
R G Giddens

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& the second are now here.*
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Miss Rycroft
Planning Staff

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COUNTRY ASSESSMENT SHEETS

1. Mr Lawrence called in his minute of 1 October for CASs for those countries where our posts will be inspected in the spring.
2. I now attach 10 copies of final draft CASs for Iran, Iraq and Kuwait for circulation to the members of the PUS's Planning Committee.
3. With the copy of this minute to Mr D Wilton in Personnel Policy Department I am sending a copy of Section II of the CAS's as requested in his minute of 8 October.

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T J Clark
Middle East Dept

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COUNTRY ASSESSMENT SHEET : IRAQ

Following the Planning Committee meeting on 12 November, Sir D Maitland suggested a small amendment to the sheet on Iraq. This was to reverse (b)(i) and (b)(ii) under "B. British Interests and Objectives." I should be grateful if you could incorporate this in the Section I which is sent to the Inspectors.

14 November 1974

CS Rycroft
CS Rycroft (Miss)
Planning Staff

*Altered a master copy. Mr Biggins is now
arranging for printing*

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Dear Dick,

COUNTRY ASSESSMENT SHEET

I enclose three copies of the final version
of the CAS for Iraq as approved by the
PUS's Planning Committee.

yours ever
Graham

G S Burton
Middle East Dept

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